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RESPONSE TO  
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REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 28, 2006 and prior to examination on the merits please enter the following amendments' remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.